

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 – 5:01 P.M.
Jack Durrance Auditorium Room
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Public Hearing Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Lee Pinkoson, Commissioners Mike Byerly, Ken Cornell and Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, Sr. Assistant County Attorney Corbin Hanson, Clerk Steve Donahey

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Charles "Chuck" Chestnut

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 P.M.

Approval of Public Hearing Agenda

1. Approve the agenda
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: A Motion to Approve the Agenda: (a) approve any amendments to the Public Hearing Agenda; and (b) adopt the Public Hearing Agenda.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Proclamations and Presentations

2. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring April 2018 as "National Healthcare Decisions Month" in Alachua County, FL
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Proclaim April 2018 as "National Healthcare Decisions Month" in Alachua County, FL.

Commissioner Cornell presented the Proclamation declaring April 2018 as "National Healthcare Decisions Month" in Alachua County, FL to Anne M. Meiring.

Anne Meiring presented comments.

3. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring March 30th, 2018 as "Doctor's Day" in Alachua County, FL
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Proclaim March 30th, 2018 as "Doctor's Day" in Alachua County, FL.

Chair Pinkoson presented the Proclamation declaring March 30th, 2018 as "Doctor's Day" in Alachua County, FL to Mrs. Roslyn Levy and Mrs. Jackie Owens.

Roslyn Levy presented comments.

Public Comments (The earlier of, 5:30 PM or at the conclusion of the agenda)

4. Public comments
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments.

Jim Konish and Bob Barness presented comments to the Board.

Regular Matters

5. Community Cat Discussion
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Discuss strategies, policies, and programs for dealing with free roaming cats in Alachua County, recognizing recent strides that have been made by the local animal welfare community working together with Audubon & Ornithological Society representatives.

Chair Pinkoson presented comments to the public to address the decorum expected the Public Meeting.

Mr. Williams presented the above item to the Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Assistant County Attorney Corbin Hanson and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved the following:

1. Direct the County Manager to return to the Board with a comprehensive humane education plan in cooperation with Animal Welfare Partners with a goal to decrease the number of outdoor cats owned and unowned as well as promoting anti-cruelty adoptions and spay neuter programs.
2. Direct the County Manager to work with appropriate Staff to bring back a policy and a map to the Board describing where cats are not to be released near conservation areas and wildlife habitat.

Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

Public Comment

Ann Kelsela, Jane Edwards, Joanie Elis and Amanda Kraft presented comments.

Break for Public Comments at 5:30 P.M.

Martha Kern, Rhonda Kummer, Ann Cordel, Rick Drummond, Patty Gordon and Mary Veleta presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly and Animal Services Director Ed Williams presented comments.

The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Byerly voting "Nay".

Closing Comments

6. Closing comments from the public
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from the public.

Joanie Elis, Dave Jenkins and Bob Barness presented comments to the Board.

7. Closing comments from Commissioners
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Cornell directed the County Manager to refer to the High Springs CCC to check on the data and meet with the Sheriff to see if it will be adjusted based on the Interlocal Agreement.

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Commissioner Hutchinson stated that if each Commissioner should choose a topic to speak on for ten minutes during the Leadership Gainesville on Thursday morning if they plan to attend.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.